
HOUSE BILL No. 1507

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-30-15-3.

Synopsis: Open alcoholic beverage containers. Makes it a Class B infraction for the operator of a motor vehicle, while the motor vehicle is in operation or parked on the right-of-way of a public highway, to allow an alcoholic beverage container that has been opened, that has a broken seal, or from which some of the contents have been removed to be in the passenger compartment of the motor vehicle. Provides certain exceptions.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 16, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy, Ethics and Veterans Affairs.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-30-15-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2000,
2 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 3. (a) **This section does not apply to the**
4 **following:**

5 (1) **A container located in a locked glove compartment.**

6 (2) **A container located:**

7 (A) **behind the last upright seat; or**

8 (B) **in an area not normally occupied by a person;**

9 **in a motor vehicle that is not equipped with a trunk.**

10 (b) The operator of a motor vehicle ~~who has an alcohol~~
11 ~~concentration equivalent to at least four-hundredths (0.04) gram of~~
12 ~~alcohol per one hundred (100) milliliters of the blood, or per two~~
13 ~~hundred ten (210) liters of the breath, and who, while the motor vehicle~~
14 ~~is in operation knowingly or parked on the right-of-way of a public~~
15 **highway, allows a container:**

16 (1) **that has been opened;**

17 (2) **that has a broken seal; or**



1 (3) from which some of the contents have been removed;
2 to be in the passenger compartment of the motor vehicle commits a
3 Class B infraction.

4 (c) If a person is found to have a previous unrelated judgment under
5 this section or a previous unrelated conviction or judgment under
6 IC 9-30-5 within twelve (12) months before a violation that results in
7 a judgment under this chapter, the court may recommend the person's
8 driving privileges be suspended for not more than one (1) year.

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